# Why & How We Recycle Steel





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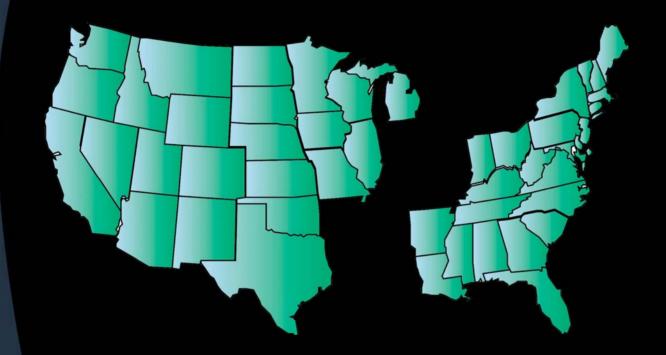


### Steel Recycling Institute Founded in 1988





### Steel Recycling Institute Regional Organization



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#### **EASTERN REGION**

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### WHY DO WE RECYCLE?

- Economics saves money
- Environment conserves resources
  - Energy
  - Water
  - Other natural resources
- Saves landfill space



### WHY DO WE RECYCLE STEEL?

- Economics saves money substitution cost
- Environment conserves resources
  - Energy: 5450 BTU saved per lb. Of steel
  - Saves per ton of steel

Coal - 1,400 lbs

Iron ore - 2,500 lbs

Limestone - 120 lbs

- Saves landfill space
  - 1 cubic yard whole steel cans = 150 lbs
  - 1 cubic yard flattened steel cans = 850 lbs



### RECYCLING SAVES MONEY?

- Costs
  - Collection
  - Processing
  - Transportation
  - Mill operation
- REVENUE sale of material
- SAVINGS landfill avoidance
- BUSINESS profit/loss
- GOVERNMENT under/over budget



### Who Are the Recyclers?

- Gatherer/accumulator donor/seller
- Collector curbside operator/hauler
- Processor MRF operator/scrap dealer
- Melter mill operator



# WHAT ARE THE RECYCLING OPTIONS?

Residential

Curbside

Drop-off

Buy-back

**Deposit** 

Waste-to-energy

Commercial

Scrap dealer

Business/government

Industrial

Construction & demolition

Waste-to-energy



### STEEL SCRAP FLOWS

•"Home scrap" (pre-industrial) -Excess steel product at mill

"Prompt" scrap (post-industrial) Remnant steel from manufacturing

"Obsolete" scrap (post-consumer) Steel products at end of useful life



# Steel Recycling Achievement In 2004



- Overall Steel Recycling Rate Was 70.7%
- 70 Million Tons of Steel Were Recycled
- Old Steel becomes New Steel . . .
- New Steel becomes Old Steel . . .





## Steel Products – A Living Scrap Inventory

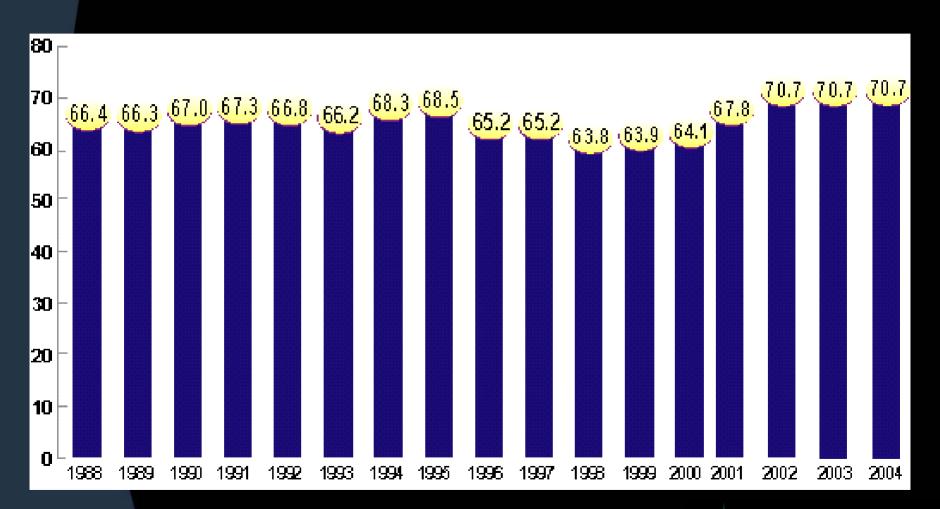
- Cans 1 Year or Less
- Autos 12 Years
- Appliances 18 Years
- Construction 50-100 Years or More





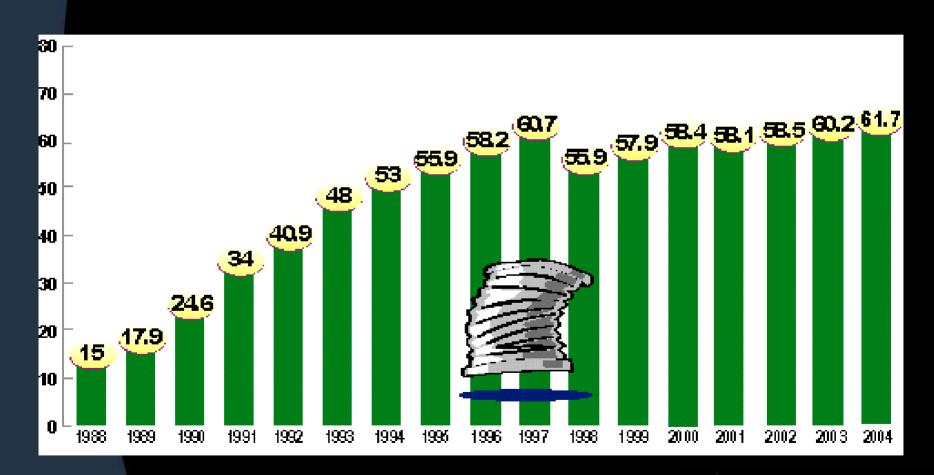


# Overall Steel Recycling Rate



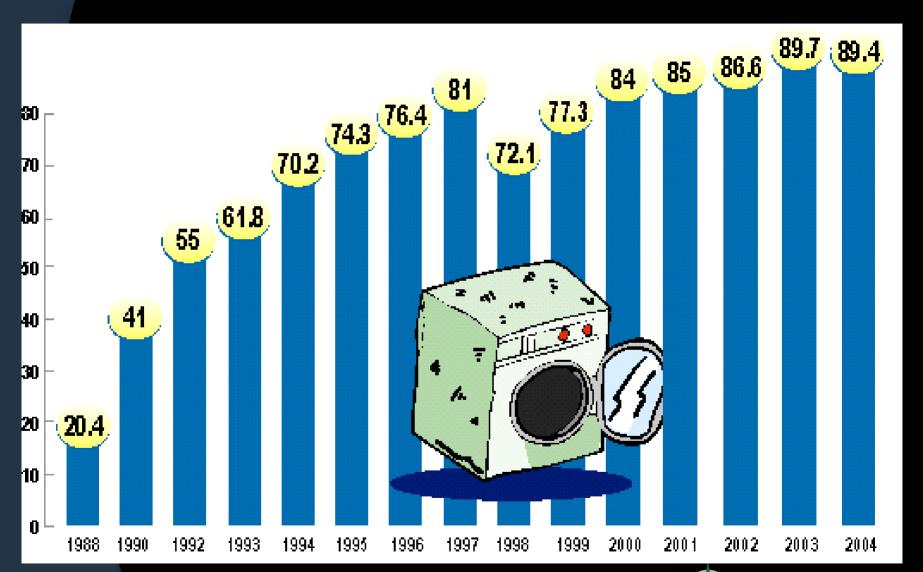


## Steel Can Recycling Rate



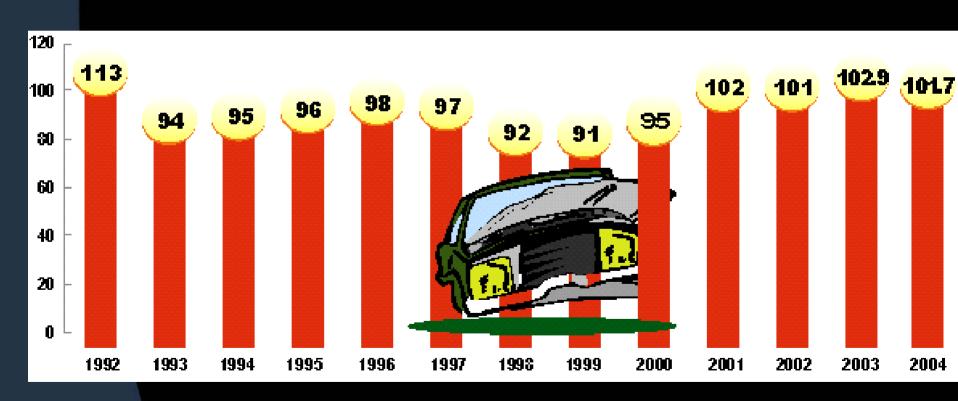


# Appliance Recycling Rate

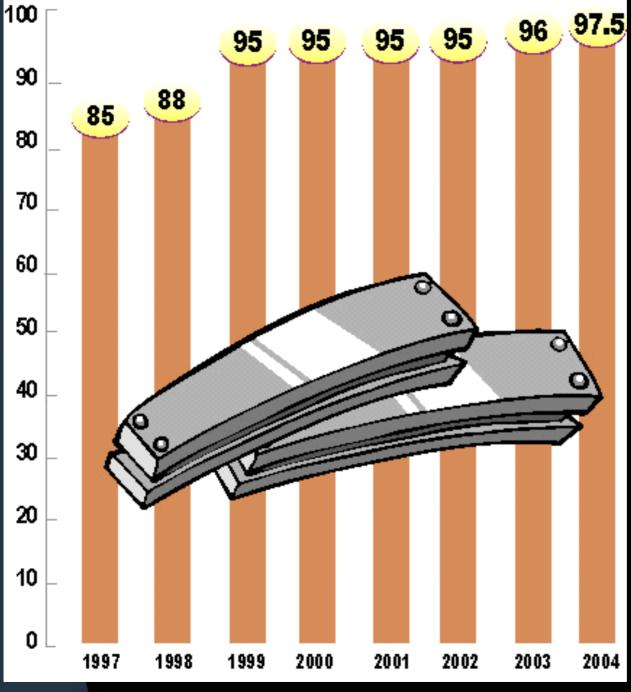




# Automotive Recycling Rate

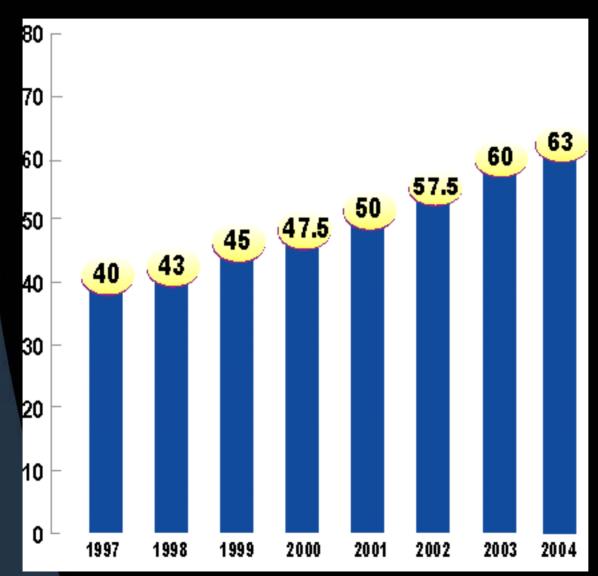








# Construction Reinforcement Bar





# A Partnership in Steel Making

- Basic Oxygen Furnace 25% Recycled Content
- Electric Arc Furnace 100% Recycled Content



A Complementary Partnership in Steel Making, Infusing New Iron Units and Consuming Scrap



## Basic Oxygen Furnace

- Average minimum of 25% recycled content
  - Flat rolled products
    - (Can sheet, car sheet, appliance sheet)
  - Property of formability

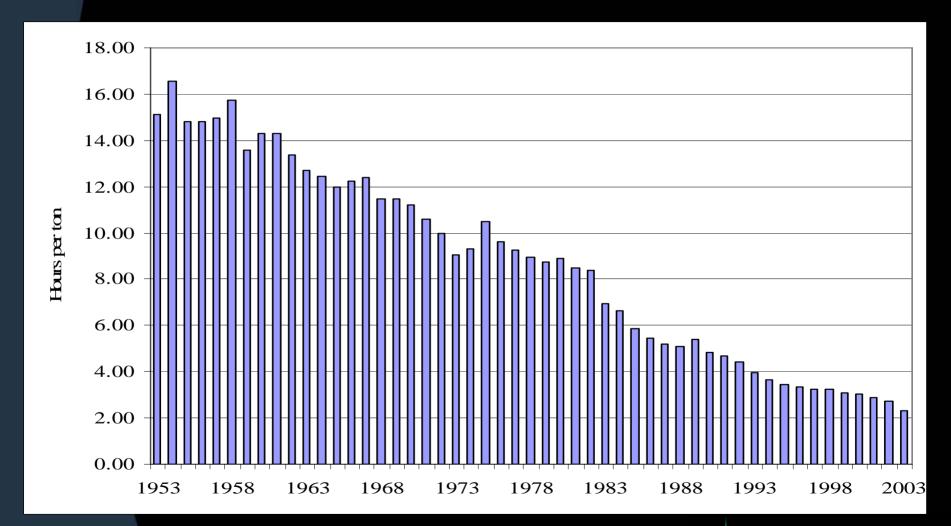


### Electric Arc Furnace

- -Virtual 100% recycled content
- Long or heavy shapes
  - (I-beams, angle iron, rebar, nails)
- Property of strength



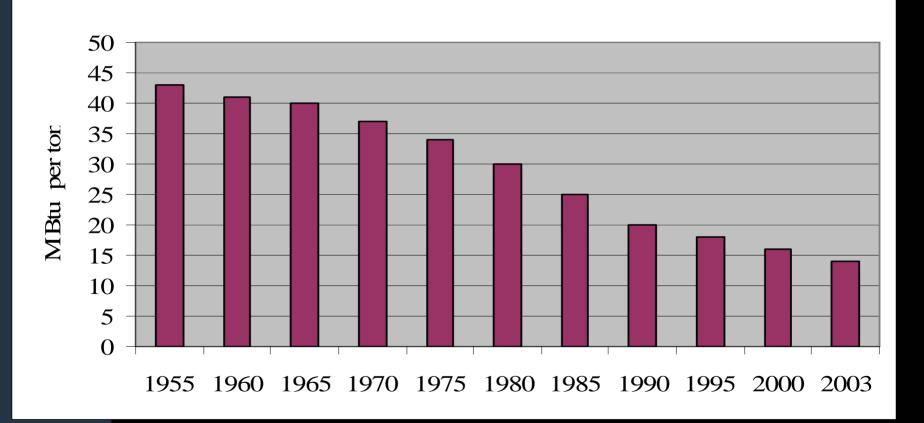
# Productivity measured by worker hours per ton





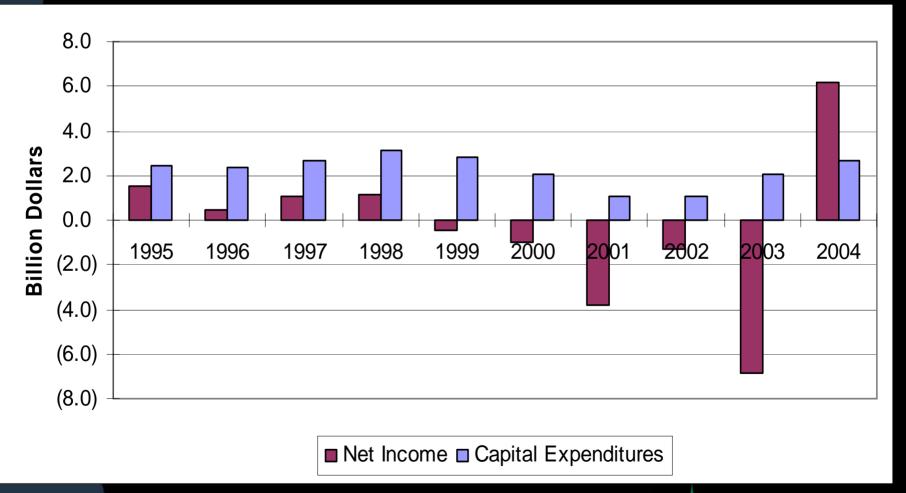
# Energy Efficiency is improving

# Energy consumption per ton shipped in U.S steel industry





# Continuing to Invest in our Future





### Future Steel Products Generate Demand For Steel Scrap

Ultralight Steel Auto Body



Steel Bridges



Steel Utility Poles



Residential Steel Framing





### Steel Scrap Trends

### Domestic supply and demand

- International supply and demand
- World excess capacity for steel
- Weak U.S. Dollar
- Import dumping into U.S.
- U.S. Economy
- World economy



### AMM Weekly Steel Scrap Composite





### AMM Weekly Shredded Scrap Price Composite



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### Ferrous Scrap Dealers

- Years of steel recycling experience
- Convenient locations
- Container and transportation capabilities
- Complete processing equipment
- Strong relationships with end markets









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